

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Personally came and appeared before me, E.H. Payne, a notary public in and for Shelby County, State of Alabama, Mrs. Emma Blackerby, who is personally known to me, and who after being first by me duly sworn to speak the truth deposes as follows:

I am well acquainted with the following described land, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, also 4 acres described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North boundary of the right of way of the Atlanta Coast Line Railroad with the West boundary of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter and run thence northerly 420 feet, more or less to the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter; run thence in an easterly direction along the North boundary of said Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter 420 feet; run thence South and parallel with the West boundary of said Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter 420 feet, more or less to the North boundary of said right of way of said Railroad; run thence in a westerly direction along said North boundary of said right of way of said Railroad 420 feet, more or less to point of beginning, being all situated in Section 26, Township 19 South, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

I am 76 years of age and was born and reared in the community where the above described land is situated. I have known it and those owning and in possession of it all of my life.

I know as a matter of family history that the Henry C. Holcombe who entered said land from the United States Government was my father's uncle. He was killed during the Civil War, and some time thereafter some of his family moved to Texas. The title to the above described property, which was unimproved, open timber lands remained in his heirs until 1888, when H.C. Holcombe, one of his sons acquired the interest of the other heirs, except W.A. Wilder and wife M.M. Wilder and A.C. Wilder and wife Elizabeth Wilder. I was not acquainted with all of the heirs and do not know of my own personal knowledge that they all signed the deed to him, but I do know that it is generally reputed that he did purchase the interest of all the heirs and I do know that I have not known of any of the heirs claiming any right, title or interest in or to the above described property since the executed deed to H.C. Holcombe in 1888, which deed is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 11, page 182,

except W.A. Wilder and wife M.M. Wilder and A.C. Wilder and wife Elizabeth Wilder, who executed a quit claim deed to H.C. Holcombe in 1895. About November, 1888, the said H.C. Holcombe conveyed lands including the above described lands to Alice T. Jarratt and Eulalia A. Deaton, by deed recorded in Deed Book 11, page 184 in the office of Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama. The said H.C. Holcombe did not live on lands conveyed, but lived in Texas.

About the year 1897, H.C. Holcombe and wife Kate Holcombe, A.C. Moss and wife Alice T. Moss and W.H. Heaton and wife Eulalia Deaton, conveyed lands including the above described lands to J.E. Adams, by deed recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 24, page 325. The said Alice T. Moss, one of the grantors in this deed is one and the same person as Alice T. Jarratt, grantee in deed from H.C. Holcombe above referred to, as recorded in Deed Book 11, page 184.

About the year 1902, the said J.E. Adams and wife sold the timber on the lands of which the above described lands is a part to Allen Lumber Company, which said company cut and removed the merchantable timber from said lands, which was the first actual possession exercised, as theretofore the lands had been covered with virgin timber. In 1926, the said J.E. Adams and wife Mary A. Adams, his wife conveyed to Ethel Whitmire, the Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 26, Township 19, Range 1 West with other lands, and in 1939, the said Ethel Whitmire and husband C.S. Whitmire sold said lands to George Huddleston, and in 1945, George Huddleston and wife Bertha Huddleston conveyed the West half of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 26, Township 19, Range 1 West, mineral and mining rights excepted, to J.T. Johnson.

In 1901, J.E. Adams and wife Mary A. Adams conveyed to Eddy Elackerby the above described tract lying in the Northwest corner of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 26, Township 19, Range 1 West lying North of Railroad. The said Eddy Elackerby conveyed said lands to J.T. Johnson, and in 1945, the said J.T. Johnson and wife Ethel Johnson conveyed all of caption land to H.B. Carson and wife Freda Carson and placed them in possession, and the said Carsons have since been in possession and are now in

possession of caption lands, their possession being actual, open, notorious, peaceful, quite, exclusive, adverse, hostile, under color of title and claim of ownership. And affiant knows of no one who has at any time been in possession of any part of caption lands claiming adverse to the said H.B. Carson and wife Freda Carson or those through whom they hold title, as above specified.

Miss Emma Blackberry

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 7th day of
July, 1953.

E. H. Payne
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 3 day of July 1953 at 10 o'clock P.M.
and recorded in Deed Book 161 Page 166 this 3 day of July 1953.
Deed Tax _____ Mortgage Tax _____ has been paid.
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate